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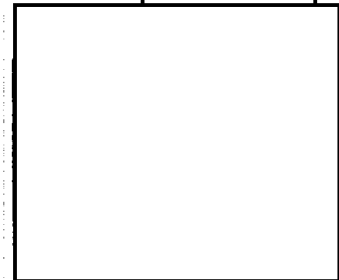
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1. The area in the vicinity of Bojkovice (49°02'N - 17°49'E), Province of Moravia, Czechoslovakia, is basically a farming section. Countryside is the foothills of the Bile Karpaty Mountains, and the site of several spa. Population is concentrated in towns and villages. No isolated homesteads exist.
2. Wheat is the cash crop. Individual gardens are cultivated to supply family table requirements. Cool climate results in a short growing season.
3. Edibles growing in a wild state include hazel nuts, strawberries, fruit and mushrooms, with the latter found in profusion. Spring water is abundant.
4. Pine forests cover the uncultivated areas, which are usually the steeper hills. Undergrowth is sparse in woods due to lack of sunlight. In addition, much dead and fallen timber is collected for firewood.
5. Winter climate has become progressively milder relative to former years [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Snow is moderate in amount and does not blanket the countryside.
6. Resources of the area include a coal mine at Otrokovice (49°12'N - 17°32'E) and numerous hot springs. A prominent spa is Luhacovice (49°06'N - 17°46'E), site of numerous cottages and several hotels. Various therapeutic treatments are available. [REDACTED] residing in Moravia Province, Luhacovice facilities are now (1954) available to workers as rewards for exceeding factory norms, and to Communist Party officials.
7. The network of country roads traversing the area is of crushed rock, rolled to form a reasonably smooth surface. Such roads are all-weather. Byroads are usually dirt and impassable in wet weather. A crushed rock road is that connecting Uh Ostroh (48°59'N - 17°24'E) and Bylnice (49°05'N - 18°01'E) via Uh Brod (49°01'N - 17°39'E). Railroad connecting the same towns is narrow-gauge.

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